

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 23, 2000

SENATE BILL

No. 1580

Introduced by Senators Alpert and Speier

February 18, 2000

An act to amend ~~Section 35294.11~~ *Sections 35294.10, 35294.11, 35294.12, 35294.13, 35294.14, and 35294.15* of the Education Code, relating to school safety, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1580, as amended, Alpert. School safety.

Existing law establishes the School Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy Program to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This bill would require that the program be administered by both the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney General, through the School/Law Enforcement Program Partnership ~~(commencing with Section 32260)~~. *The bill would expand the present intent of the Legislature that public schools with kindergarten and grades 1 to 7, inclusive, have access to supplemental resources to establish programs and strategies that promote school safety and emphasize violence prevention among children and youth in the public schools, to include kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. The bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature that grant proposals developed with the participation of a representative group of interested parties be given a priority by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in awarding grants under the School Safety and Violence Prevention*

Strategy Program. The bill would appropriate \$100,000,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to carry out the program. The bill would require that no more than 5% of the total of any funds appropriated for the program are to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction on administration.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 35294.11 of the Education Code~~
2 ~~SECTION 1. Section 35294.10 of the Education Code~~
3 ~~is amended to read:~~
4 35294.10. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that all
5 public schools with ~~grades~~ kindergarten *and grades 1* to
6 7 12, inclusive, have access to supplemental resources to
7 establish programs and strategies that promote school
8 safety and emphasize violence prevention among
9 children and youth in the public schools. It is further the
10 intent of the Legislature to fund and coordinate the
11 programs and activities carried out pursuant to the
12 Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985
13 (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 32260)),
14 relating to safe school model programs; Article 10.3
15 (commencing with Section 35294), relating to the
16 development of school safety plans; and Article 6
17 (commencing with Section 32296) of Chapter 2.5,
18 relating to school community policing, in a cooperative
19 and interactive effort to promote school safety and
20 violence prevention in the public schools.
21 (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that the
22 Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney
23 General shall utilize available resources to make every
24 effort to coordinate activities and the distribution of
25 resources to maximize their effective and efficient use in
26 establishing and maintaining safe schools.
27 ~~SEC. 2. Section 35294.11 of the Education Code is~~
28 ~~amended to read:~~

35294.11. (a) The School Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy Program is hereby established to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction *and the Attorney General, through the School/Law Enforcement Partnership (commencing with Section 32260)* for the purpose of promoting school safety and violence prevention programs among children and youth in the public schools.

(b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, in conjunction with the Attorney General, shall develop standards and guidelines for evaluating proposals, and shall award grants on a competitive basis, as authorized by this article, to schools and school districts serving ~~grades~~ kindergarten *and grades 1 to 7* 12, inclusive, that meet the following conditions:

(1) The school has developed a school safety plan as required by Article 10.3 (commencing with Section 35294).

(2) The school demonstrates its ability to carry out a collaborative and coordinated approach for implementing a comprehensive school safety and violence prevention strategy.

(3) After initial eligibility has been determined, a process of random selection for grants awarded pursuant to this article shall be used that ensure that, at a minimum, all of the following criteria are met:

(A) Schools are selected from the northern, central, and southern areas of the state.

(B) Schools selected represent large, medium, and small sized numbers in their pupil populations.

(C) Schools are selected from urban, suburban, and rural areas.

SEC. 3. Section 35294.13 of the Education Code is amended to read:

35294.13. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall award grants under this article for one or more of the following purposes:

(a) Providing schools with personnel, including, but not limited to, school counselors, school social workers, school nurses, and school psychologists, who are specially

1 trained in identifying and supporting at-risk children and
2 youth where the applicant demonstrates that appropriate
3 support activities are necessary and would be desirable in
4 addressing identified problems, issues, and needs,
5 including, but not limited to, classes pertaining to anger
6 management and conflict resolution.

7 (b) Providing effective and accessible oncampus
8 communication devices, where the applicant
9 demonstrates that the use of these devices, beyond
10 everyday, routine matters, is part of the school safety plan
11 developed pursuant to Article 10.3 (commencing with
12 Section 35294).

13 (c) Establishing an in-service training program for all
14 school staff, designed to assist school staff in identifying
15 at-risk children and youth, communicating effectively
16 with those pupils, and appropriately referring those
17 pupils for counseling.

18 (d) Establishing cooperative arrangements with local
19 law enforcement agencies for appropriate
20 school-community relationships.

21 (e) Proposals that allow school districts to respond to
22 existing or subsequent research that establishes structural
23 changes in the operation of schools, such as smaller
24 schools or “schools within schools.”

25 (f) Any other proposal that the applicant school or
26 school district designs that demonstrates that the
27 proposal would materially contribute to meeting the
28 goals and objectives of current law in providing for safe
29 schools and preventing violence among children and
30 youth.

31 (g) *It is the intent of the Legislature that proposals*
32 *developed with participation by a representative group*
33 *of interested parties, including parents, teachers, support*
34 *staff, and pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall be given*
35 *priority by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in*
36 *awarding grants.*

37 SEC. 4. Section 35294.14 of the Education Code is
38 amended to read:

39 35294.14. The Superintendent of Public Instruction
40 and the Attorney General shall cooperatively design an

1 evaluation process for the programs and activities
2 established pursuant to this article and shall report to the
3 Legislature by January 1 of each year, commencing in
4 2004 2002, any recommendations for modifications to
5 existing law relative to school safety and violence
6 prevention among children and youth.

7 *SEC. 5. Section 35294.15 of the Education Code is*
8 *amended to read:*

9 35294.15. Unless otherwise required by law, the
10 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish the
11 rules and regulations for the application process to be
12 utilized by schools and school districts to obtain funds
13 made available by this or any other provision of law or by
14 the annual Budget Act to promote school safety and
15 violence prevention among children and youth. To
16 perform the duties of this article ~~or~~ including any of the
17 activities in subdivision (a) of Section 35294.10 and the
18 evaluation required by Section 35294.14, ~~up to~~ no more
19 than 5 percent of the total funds appropriated for
20 purposes of this article may be utilized by the
21 Superintendent of Public Instruction for administrative
22 costs.

23 *SEC. 6. The sum of one hundred million dollars*
24 *(\$100,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General*
25 *Fund to the Superintendent Of Public Instruction to*
26 *carry out Article 10.4 (commencing with Section*
27 *35294.10) of Chapter 2 of Part 21 of the Education Code*
28 *and in augmentation of any existing appropriation for*
29 *support of any activities carried out pursuant to*
30 *subdivision (a) of Section 35294.10 of the Education Code.*
31 *The Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation*
32 *with the Attorney General, shall develop and implement*
33 *a schedule for utilizing this appropriation that maximizes*
34 *its distribution to schools and school districts serving*
35 *kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to promote*
36 *school safety and violence prevention among children*
37 *and youth in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.*

38 ~~is amended to read:~~

39 ~~35294.11. (a) The School Safety and Violence~~
40 ~~Prevention Strategy Program is hereby established to be~~

1 administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
2 and the Attorney General, through the School/Law
3 Enforcement Partnership (commencing with Section
4 32260), for the purpose of promoting school safety and
5 violence prevention programs among children and youth
6 in the public schools.

7 (b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, in
8 conjunction with the Attorney General, shall develop
9 standards and guidelines for evaluating proposals, and
10 shall award grants on a competitive basis, as authorized
11 by this article, to schools and school districts serving
12 grades kindergarten to 7, inclusive, that meet the
13 following conditions:

14 (1) The school has developed a school safety plan as
15 required by Article 10.3 (commencing with Section
16 35294).

17 (2) The school demonstrates its ability to carry out a
18 collaborative and coordinated approach for
19 implementing a comprehensive school safety and
20 violence prevention strategy.

21 (3) After initial eligibility has been determined, a
22 process of random selection for grants awarded pursuant
23 to this article shall be used that ensure that, at a minimum,
24 all of the following criteria are met:

25 (A) Schools are selected from the northern, central,
26 and southern areas of the state.

27 (B) Schools selected represent large, medium, and
28 small sized numbers in their pupil populations.

29 (C) Schools are selected from urban, suburban, and
30 rural areas.